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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert Thomas Owen ) Re: Preliminary Amendment  
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Attn: United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 5, Line 1        Please change "any one of the preceding  
  claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, Line 1        Please change "any one of the preceding  
  claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 8, Line 1        Please change "any one of the preceding  
  claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 23, Line 1       Please delete "or claim 22".